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### It's coming!

Look for changes in the *Herald's* classified section beginning with Wednesday's edition.

### Key Club fund-raiser

Big Spring High School Key Club members are raising money to fund their trip to the annual Key Club convention.

For the next two weeks, members will be selling carnations at the high school during lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. Also, they will be selling candles until Jan. 28 at the high school.

Anyone who wants to contribute may send checks made payable to the Big Spring Key Club to Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place 79720.

In an unrelated drive, the members are accepting donations for the Ronald McDonald House.

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## Council to take second look at Atmos request

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday to discuss several items, including final reading of a resolution denying natural gas rate hikes recently requested by Atmos Energy.

As the battle between several West Texas cities over the validity of the company's proposed rate hike continue, City Manager Gary Fuqua said the overall cost of the increases is beginning to look more palatable.

"Our consultant at this point said that ours should be lower than the 54 percent settled on in Lubbock and Amarillo," said Fuqua fol-

lowing the first reading of the resolution. "We feel confident that since they have settled with these cities that we certainly shouldn't pay over 54 percent of what they have requested. We know we've been able to save the citizens of Big Spring money simply by looking into this, and I think the council should be commended on its diligence in the matter."

Atmos applied for a 7 percent rate increase in September of 2003, at which time the council voted unanimously to join other cities caught in the web of the increase and explore the validity of their claim.

McEwen said it frustrates him that the company tells its customers they must

increase by one cost, then settles for another.

"It frustrates me tremendously because of the fact that we necessarily want to trust our partners... the people that provide us with electricity and gas," McEwen said. "You have long term relationships because it's not like you can go out and change your gas company. You're getting your gas from one company, and they have a franchise."

"In this case, we've already been told they have a settlement with Amarillo and Lubbock that was just about 50 percent of what they asked. My question is, why do you ask for so much? Are you playing a game

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Checkmate? Not yet. Nine-year-old Crystal Juraz, right, tries to outwit 9-year-old Lisa Smitahwick in a game of chess during Bauer Magnet Elementary School's extended-day program Friday. This is a new activity introduced this year to the program.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Officials probing inmate's suicide

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 41-year-old Howard County Jail inmate was found dead early Sunday morning after an apparent suicide.

According to a sheriff's department press release, jailers discovered the Richard Dunn Allen, whose address was unknown, hanging by the neck in his cell during a security check at 2:30 a.m. Sunday. He apparently used an article of jail-issued clothing to hang himself.

Jailers immediately cut Allen down, notified Big Spring EMS and began administering CPR, the release said. Those resuscitation attempts were unsuccessful.

Allen did not show any signs of distress while talking with jailers 15 minutes before he was found dead, officials said.

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## Caring for injured animals no small project

Howard County couple hopes to expand rehabilitation facilities

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

For years, injured, orphaned or abandoned West Texas wildlife have been turned over to state-licensed rehabilitator Melanie Gambrell, who along with her husband, Randy, prepare these animals to return to the wild.

Now with their services in greater demand, the couple have begun to expand the rehab facilities at their east Howard County farm. But along with servicing more animals comes additional expense.

"The word is getting out statewide that we're

the only animal rehabilitator in this area," said Melanie Gambrell. "There's Lubbock and San Angelo, but we've been getting animals from Crane, Monahans, Snyder... They're coming

in from a great distance."

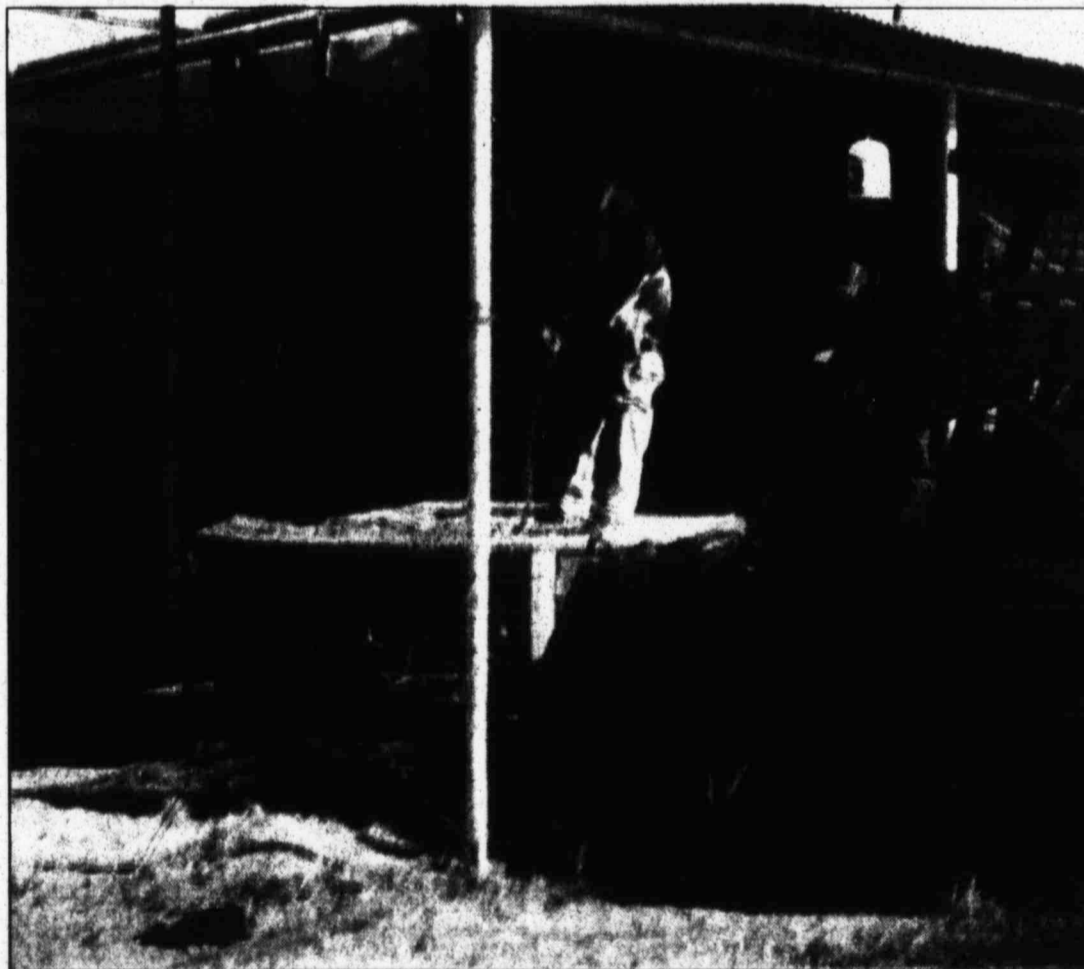
In 2003 the Gambrells accepted 310 mammals, among them were 250 bats, most of which were returned to the wild.

With such a brood to nurture, donations of food from area businesses such as Wal-Mart and Will's Deer Processing greatly help — and sometimes make all the difference, Gambrell said.

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Melanie Gambrell plays with a raccoon that is being rehabilitated.



Courtesy photo  
Construction workers help to re-tin this building located on the farm owned by state licensed wildlife rehabilitator Melanie Gambrell and her husband, Randy. The project was part of an expansion of the rehab facilities to meet the increase of injured, orphaned or abandoned West Texas wildlife the couple care for until they can be released back into the wild.

## Documentary shows plight of abandoned animals

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Thousands of abandoned dogs and cats were euthanized at the city shelter in 2003, a fact that reflects the depth of a nationwide problem of an overpopulation of unwanted animals.

In its America Undercover series, HBO explores the troubling dilemma that shelter

Shelter Dogs airs at 9 p.m. Tuesday on HBO

workers face every day in "Shelter Dogs."

"I thought this would be important for our community to watch because of the abundance of animals our local shelters receive," said Melanie Gambrell, a member of the city of Big Spring animal control board.

The episode, which premieres Tuesday night at 9, is the culmination of two years of work for filmmaker Cynthia Wade, who was granted access to Roundout Valley Kennels in rural New York.

The documentary features a host of canine characters, as shelter workers struggle to make a decision on whether these dogs can

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Obituaries

Samuel Aguilar



Samuel Aguilar, 46, died at 4:28 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2004, at Home Hospice House in Odessa. A vigil service will be held at 7:30 tonight, Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at the Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Nicholas Portocarrero officiating. Interment will be held at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will be at 501 Driver Road.

Mr. Aguilar was born on Sept. 22, 1957, in Laredo. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and was a self-employed contract carpet layer for more than 28 years, having worked most recently for Decorator's Center. He was a member of the Catholic faith. He took great pride in his children and grandchildren. He was a loving father and brother and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by one son, Sammy Aguilar and his wife, Lori, of Big Spring; two daughters, Rachel Esparza and her husband, Hector, of Merced, Calif., and Lisa Vera and her husband, Michael, of Big Spring; two brothers, Faustino G. Aguilar and his wife, Cynthia, of San Angelo, and Abram Aguilar of Big Spring; two sisters, Martha Alcantar and her husband, Jesse, and Juanita Garcia and her husband, Ben Jr., all of Big Spring; five grandchildren; three nieces; and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Faustino T. Aguilar and Delia Gonzales Aguilar; one brother, Marcos Aguilar; and one infant son, David Aguilar.

Pallbearers for Mr. Aguilar will be Jesse Aguilar, Hector Esparza, Jacob Garcia, John Medina and Gilbert Paredes.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Sam's companion, Margie Escamilla, for the love she shared with Sam. She rarely left his side during his illness and cared for him until his last day. The family also extends thanks to all of the doctors, nurses, and staff of Home Hospice of Big Spring, as well as Home Hospice House of Odessa.

Funeral arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

Paid obituary

Viola Sisemore Stephenson



Viola Sisemore Stephenson, 86, of Big Spring died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Mountain View Lodge. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Plainview Memorial Park, with the Rev. Don Robertson, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview, officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 until 8 p.m. today at Bartley Funeral Home in Plainview.

Mrs. Stephenson was born on Jan. 4, 1918, in Lafayette, Ga. She was the daughter of William H. Sisemore and Ruth Thompson Sisemore. She lived in Plainview from 1936 until 2002, when she moved to Big Spring. She was a beautician, having worked at Ester Owens Beauty Shop and Hazel Bond Beauty Shop. She also worked as a bookkeeper at Richardson Oil Co. and J.C. Penney, since the store opened in 1959. She married Walter Ivan Stephenson on May 10, 1942, in Plainview. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1986. She was a member of the College Heights Baptist Church and the Business and Professional Women's Association.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by one daughter, Cindy "Young" Fowler and her husband, Joe, of Coahoma; two grandchildren, Megan M. Young of Lubbock and J. Matt Young of Midland; two sisters, Melvina Penny Hawkins and her husband, Wayne, of Fair Oaks, Calif., and Lorene Belyeu and her husband, Richard, of Hale Center; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, James Grant Sisemore, Williams Benjamin Sisemore and Wheeler Sisemore.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Stephenson will be Ricky Sisemore, James Sisemore, Chris Sisemore, Clarence Sisemore, Ronny Belyeu and Mike Allen.

Funeral arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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Weather

Today — Windy. Mostly cloudy this morning and partly cloudy this afternoon. Turning colder. Highs in the lower 50s early, then temperatures falling into the 40s. Northwest winds 25 to 35 mph.

Tonight — Breezy this evening. Mostly clear. Much colder. Lows around 20. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph becoming north around 5 mph in the late evening and overnight.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: 18-22-27-28-38 Bonus Ball: 44

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 03-11-14-34-35

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 8-7-1

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Ysabel J. Luna



Ysabel J. Luna Jr., 65, of Big Spring died on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Kevin Parker, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Luna was born on Feb. 22, 1938, in Marfa, and married Erlinda Hernandez on March 27, 1964, in Pecos. Luna owned and operated Luna Produce for more than 30 years. He enjoyed interacting with the public and being involved with the "Ask Your Neighbor" program, and he was affiliated with the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He served in the United States Air Force. He was a charter member of the DAV Chapter 47, and had served as commander for a number of years.

His survivors include his wife, Erlinda Luna of Big Spring; three sons, George Luna, Moises Luna and Kendall Luna, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Norma Chavez of Westbrook; two grandchildren; one brother, Robert Luna of San Antonio; and two sisters, Rosie Portillo of Pecos and Mary Luna of Wimberly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ysabel Luna Sr. and Esther Jiner Luna; and by a son, Daniel Christopher Luna.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

Catherine Carpenter

Catherine Carpenter, 54, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at her home. Graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Her survivors include her mother, Marj Carpenter of Big Spring.

Pay respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

Joseph Kyle Gregg

Joseph Kyle Gregg, 20, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at his residence. His funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

William Douglas Graham

William Douglas Graham, 68, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, in a Midland hospital. His funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Juanita Hamlin

Juanita Hamlin, 84, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, in a local care facility. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

• GABRIEL NIETO, 26, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

• WILLIAM EDWARD MCLENDON, 52, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ, 43, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant issuance of a bad check and on a county warrant for motion to revoke probation, violation of protective order.

• JEFFERY WAYNE SPENCER, 45, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while licenses suspended.

• EDUARDO GARCIA, 30, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• MICHAEL ERIC JOHNSON, 32, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than four grams but less than 28 grams, in a drug free zone.

• CODY JAMES NALL, 20, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• RICHARD D. ALLEN, 41, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by DPS officers on charges driving while intoxicated and possession of

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com) TODAY

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit chair aerobics. People age 50 and older are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

The public is invited to the Evening Lions Club meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes meet at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in Howard College Cactus Room.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• CHARLES FREEMAN BROWN, 49, of 802 Sgt. Paredes St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of display of fictitious inspection sticker.

• CODY JAMES NALL, 20, of 1605 Bluebird St., was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• ELROY JOHNSON, 19, of 510 Lancaster was arrested Sunday on warrants for forgery and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• ROBERT DALE HOWLAND JR., 32, of 708 Johanson was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and for resisting arrest search or transport.

• VOY WAYNE EASON, 36, of 2103 Warren St. was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THOMAS LEWIS EASON, 28, of 4700 Highway 176 was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• CLOIS WELDON SHULTZ, 44, of 538 Westover Road was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500 and family violence.

• SHERI MICHELLE HUGGINS, 34, of 1402 Mount Vernon was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended, invalid.

• JEFFREY WAYNE SPENCER, 45, of 707 East 16th St. was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspend, invalid.

• DARRIN LEE WEBBY, 33, of 302 Settle was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault family violence, unlawful restraint.

• PAULA SUE BAKER, 44, address unknown, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• DEBRA RENE SCHAEFFER, 35, was arrested Sunday for a city warrant.

• RONNIE RENE RIVERA, 24, of 1801 Owens was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

marijuana, less than two ounces.

• FREDWRICK DASEAN DOTSON, 32, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram in a drug free zone.

• LONNIE RAY GRAY JR., 23, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on county warrants for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram in a drug free zone and for theft of a firearm.

• MORICA JENELL GARDEN, 30, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram in a drug free zone.

• BRITTANY MICHELE VAUGHAN, 24, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram in a drug free zone.

• COURTNEY AUSBIE, 19, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram in a drug free zone.

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# NEWS CAPSULES:

## Another U.S. helicopter crashes in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military lost its fifth helicopter this month in Iraq, which crashed in the Tigris river while searching for a soldier whose boat had capsized. The aircraft's two crew members and the soldier remained missing Monday.

"We have no news about the progress of the search or the fate of the missing service members, a military spokeswoman at the central command in Baghdad said Monday.

The OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter, attached to the 101st Airborne Division, crashed in the Tigris in the northern town of Mosul on Sunday evening during a search-and-rescue mission after a river patrol boat overturned in the river a couple of hours earlier.

Two Iraqi policemen and an Iraqi translator accompanying the American soldiers in the boat were confirmed killed in the incident, said the spokeswoman. But one soldier was still missing while three others were safe, she said.

## Bird flu claims its seventh victim

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A 6-year-old Thai boy became Asia's seventh confirmed bird flu fatality and Pakistan on Monday joined the list of countries affected by the disease that has sparked mass chicken culls across the region.

The World Health Organization pleaded Monday with the global scientific community to accelerate the search for a cure. Attempts to tackle the virus are being frustrated by its fast rate of mutation as well as its spread across at least eight countries.

Pakistan said it had detected a form of bird flu in its chicken population. The commissioner for livestock husbandry said it was not a strain of bird flu that can spread to humans — something that has happened in other parts of Asia.

"We have confirmed this. The strand that jumps to humans is not in them," commissioner Rafaqat Hussain Raja said.

Faizullah Kakar, an official at the WHO office in Pakistan, said it had no confirmation of an outbreak of bird flu in the South Asian nation.

## Kerry, Dean swap criticism

PLYMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire primary leaders John Kerry and Howard Dean swapped criticism of each other's foreign policy credentials as the

Democratic presidential candidates entered the final day of campaigning before votes are cast.

Dean said his opposition to the Iraq war was a significant difference between himself and Kerry, who voted for the resolution authorizing the U.S. invasion. He also criticized the Massachusetts senator for voting against the 1991 Gulf War.

"A lot of folks in the campaign, including Senator Kerry, complain about my lack of foreign policy experience," Dean, a former Vermont governor, said at a rally Sunday night. "But he voted not to go to war when the oil wells were on fire and the troops were in Kuwait."

Sen. John Edwards, who finished second to Kerry in last week's Iowa caucuses and promised to wage a positive campaign, said Kerry has not been clear on the war.

"I think he's said some different things at different points in time," the North Carolina senator said as the candidates made the rounds of Sunday's television news shows.

## Lord of the Rings wins four Golden Globes

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — After seven years, it was time for a Hobbit victory dance.

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the final installment of the epic fantasy trilogy that hadn't yet won most major movie awards, finally snared best dramatic film and three other trophies at Sunday's Golden Globes.

But some of the night's thunder also went to the intimate story "Lost in Translation," about two lonely Americans who find friendship in a Tokyo hotel. That movie collected three top awards, including best comedy film, best comedy actor for Bill Murray — his first major acting prize — and best screenplay for Sofia Coppola, who wrote, produced and directed the film.

"Rings" master Peter Jackson was recognized as best director, and the film — based on the J.R.R. Tolkien novels — won best original score and best song for "Into the West."

## Second Mars rover returning pictures

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — With one rover now ailing on Mars, NASA scientists were thrilled when its identical twin sent dazzling and intriguing photos from the other side of the Red Planet.

Images of a smooth red surface arrived at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory about four hours after the rover Opportunity bounced to a landing late Saturday some 6,600 miles from its temporarily crippled twin, Spirit.

"I am flabbergasted. I am astonished. I am blown away. Opportunity has touched down in an alien and bizarre landscape," said Steven Squyres, of Cornell University and the mission's main scientist. "I still don't know what we're looking at."

Mission members hooted and hollered as the images splashed on a screen in mission control at the laboratory in Pasadena. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was there with his wife, Maria Shriver, to watch the drama unfold, and walked through mission control shaking hands with the scientist.

## Barbara Walters to leave 20/20

NEW YORK (AP) — After 25 years as host of "20/20," Barbara Walters is moving on.

The broadcaster, who has interviewed scores of the famous and infamous in a legendary television career, said Sunday she will step down this fall from her perch at the ABC newsmagazine.

Walters, 74, will do about six interview specials a year for ABC News, including her annual pre-Oscar show. She'll also stay as executive producer and co-host of the daytime talk show "The View."

"Starting in September, I want to have more flexibility in my life without the responsibilities of a weekly newsmagazine," she said in a statement issued by ABC.

The Walters interview, often done with a soft-focus camera and featuring teary subjects, is as much a part of television news lore as Mike Wallace's intensity on "60 Minutes."

"20/20," which Walters currently co-hosts with John Stossel, is likely to continue but be less focused on major interview subjects.

## Federal deficits setting records

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal deficits are setting records as President Bush and Congress plunge into the election year's budget work and both parties wonder if the red ink will prove to be a campaign issue.

The Congressional Budget Office planned to release its annual winter budget and economic outlook on Monday. It was expected to be a bit better in the short term than the CBO's last update in August, when it projected shortfalls of \$480 billion for this year and \$341 billion for 2005.

"Even if in a small way, this could be the first good news budget report we've had in some time" because the growing economy should make deficit projections smaller for the next two years, said Hazen Marshall, Republican staff director of the Senate Budget Committee.

## SUICIDE

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Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs has ordered an autopsy to be performed by the Lubbock County medical examiner.

Texas Ranger Jeremy Wallace from Midland was called in to perform an outside investigation.

"Any time we have a suicidal death, the normal procedure is to call in an outside agency to perform an investigation into the matter. This gives us an outside prospective and is

mutually beneficial to the department and the family," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

Allen was brought to the county jail Sunday morning after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Weldon Jones on a charge of driving while intoxicat-

ed and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

According to the DPS report, Allen was discovered in a car on the Moore Field Road overpass where he was found repeatedly backing up and then going forward. Allen was too intoxicated

to perform a field sobriety test.

At the time of his arrest, booking records reflected that inmate was moving from Oregon to Austin and had been staying at a motel in Midland.

Allen's mother was notified of his death by the Houston Police

Department this morning.

According to Walker, the family had last heard from Allen a week ago and believed him to be in the Big Bend area.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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become adoptable, or euthanized the animals if their problems are too great.

"A lot of people don't stop and think that by letting their dogs breed and have puppies, they are contributing to the overpopulation of the community," Gambrell said. "When that dog is hit on

the street and killed, they don't have anyone to blame but themselves. Its a sad, vicious cycle."

According to statistics from the Big Spring Police Department Animal Control, 921 dogs

and 1,109 cats were euthanized locally in 2003, while less than 100 animals were adopted. Animal control officers removed more than 1,000 dead animals from Big Spring streets last year.

"We're not proud of these numbers," said Big Spring Chief of Police Lonnie Smith. "We wish there were more responsible pet owners. That would significantly lower these numbers."

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## GAMBRELLS

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In December, the two began to expand their rehab facilities with the help of Carriente Construction and Primos Masonry, whose team of four laid the groundwork for three small stables,

repaired a tin roof and laid gravel where holding pens will be placed.

"Carriente and Primos gave us a heck of discount to do the service for us," Gambrell said.

The Coahoma High School woodworking shop is also offering a helping hand.

With Gambrell providing the materials, the

class is preparing six-foot-tall pens to house the many possums, raccoons and prairie dogs in need of rehabilitation each year, along with a holding pen for larger animals.

Even with this help, Gambrell said the added expense of serving more animals is hurting them.

"We still need to buy building equipment and

to make three more pens," Gambrell said.

Donation cans have been set up at Christene's Cafe at 204 NW Broadway in Coahoma and Gregg's Grill inside the Big Spring Mall. Checks can be sent to the Pet Connection at 4510 South U.S. Highway 87, 79729.

For more information, contact Gambrell at 267-

7387. To report an abandoned, injured or orphaned animal, call Gambrell at the above number or call the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

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## COUNCIL

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with us? Why can't we get to a point where we don't have to worry about that so much?"

Also on the meeting agenda:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Texas Soil and Water Co. Inc., for construction of the WTP wastewater holding basin.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing expenditures from the capital revolving fund for construction of WTP basin.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute

an agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc., to furnish a vulnerability assessment plan of the water system.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Ector County for membership in the West Texas Narcotics Task Force.

- Final reading of a resolution amending the fixed asset policy by increasing the asset recognition threshold.

- Final reading of a resolution denying rate relief requested by Atmos

Energy.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article 1, of the city code by adding Section 11-8, entitled blocking access to garbage containers.

- First reading of a resolution time to hold property deemed in lieu of tax foreclosure covering the west 44 feet of Lot 10, Block 17, Boydston Addition.

- First reading of a resolution time to hold property deemed in lieu of tax foreclosure covering Lot 10, Block 9, Earles

Addition.

- First reading of a resolution time to hold property deemed in lieu of tax foreclosure covering the south half of Lot 9, Block 5, Cedar Crest Addition.

- First reading of a resolution time to hold property deemed in lieu of tax foreclosure covering the south 50 feet of Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 4, Wrights Airport Addition.

- Discussion of H.J.R. 54 regarding retirement benefits.

- Appointment to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board of

Directors.

- Appointment to Teen Court Board of Directors.

The meeting will get underway Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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## OTHER VIEWS

Everyone a winner  
when we purchase  
Girl Scout cookies

It's a tradition that dates back as far back as many of us can remember — girls throughout the nation going door-to-door taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies during their annual sale.

Scouts from the West Texas Girl Scout Council began their annual fund-raising event on Saturday, offering local residents any or all of the eight different varieties of cookies available at \$3.25 per box.

And again, all of our favorites are on sale — Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Upside-Downs Frosted Oatmeal cookies, Animal Treasures Fudge and Shortbread and Lemon Pastry Cremes — as well as the newest cookie in the Girl Scouts' offering, the Pinata, an oatmeal cookie with a strawberry topping with white icing.

Each \$3.25 box of cookies we purchase, however, provides a great deal more than just a good-tasting treat.

Girl Scout officials note that the cookie sale helps girls learn important skills related to handling money, goal setting, teamwork and meeting the public.

In addition, one of the things that makes the Girl Scout Cookie Sale different from most youth fund raisers is that a portion of the revenue goes directly to the local troops so that the girls involved in the sale can make a decision on how it's spent.

So when a Girl Scout arrives on your doorstep or approaches you elsewhere, we hope you'll help make the local council's 20001 sale a success.

After all, when we buy Girl Scout cookies, we're not only supporting Girl Scouts and all the good things they do in our community, but we're helping fund the future.

And did we mention they taste good, too?

We call that a win, win and win situation.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Inspire us, Lord to do good and great things for you.  
Amen

## Kyoto's last gleaming for Gore

January has not been Al Gore's best month. Last week, Gore gave a speech on global warming — on what turned out to be a record-cold day in New York. Then, Howard Dean tanked in Iowa after Gore's endorsement was supposed to coronate the former Vermont governor as the Democratic nominee. On Tuesday, President George W. Bush delivered a strong State of the Union address that didn't so much as mention global warming.

But wait, as the TV ads say, there's more. Some top Democratic contenders for the White House are distancing themselves from the Kyoto international global-warming treaty that Gore negotiated in 1997.

Sens. John Kerry and Joe Lieberman were among the 95 senators who voted in favor of a pre-Kyoto resolution that directed the administration not to agree to a treaty that would hurt the U.S. economy by exempting developing nations. (Not to his credit, Gore chose to ignore the resolution and agree to a treaty that exempted developing nations like China.)

Lieberman says he now supports Kyoto as is, despite his support for the 1997 resolution. But Candidate Kerry told the Sustainable Energy Coalition that he would not sign the treaty because it can't be met now. "Because of the Bush administration's inaction, the binding targets in the Kyoto Protocol are no longer achievable," Kerry explained to the Greenwire news service.

I'm sure Kerry's Bush dig plays well among partisan Democrats, but allow me to note that the Clinton administration never once

tried to get the Senate to ratify Kyoto. So while Gore and Kerry trash Bush for dumping Kyoto, the real difference between Clinton/Gore and Bush/Cheney is that Bush was honest on Kyoto, but Clinton was not.

Guess under which administration America emitted the most noxious air.

The (unratified) global-warming pact required that the United States reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. Yet, according to the Energy Information Administration, greenhouse emissions grew 3.1 percent in 2000 alone; when Clinton left office, emissions were 14 percent higher than 1990 levels.

The latest figures from the Energy Information Administration are for 2002; they show that, under the Bush administration, greenhouse-gas emissions are lower — they're 11.5 percent higher than 1990 levels. I won't credit Bush for the reduction, because the post-Sept. 11 economy was the big factor here, as the Sierra Club's Dan Becker pointed out. But if Bush were Satan on the environment, the numbers would be different.

In his speech, Gore had the cheek to call Bush a "moral coward." No, Bush generally has been true to his beliefs. He didn't write, as Gore did, that per-capita emissions could be cut in half and it wouldn't be enough to stop global warming. It's Gore who didn't live up to his moral beliefs.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said he would renegotiate Kyoto because it exempted developing nations. "President Bush used the same rationale in defending his decision to pull out of the Kyoto agreement in 2001," wrote Greenwire.

Ditto 95 senators. Kyoto is dead. It's all but official. The world of serious politicians

understands that draconian regulations cutting greenhouse gases would kill the economy by sending industry overseas to Kyoto-exempt countries.

Kyoto was a beard that allowed Clinton to appear environmentally sensitive without having to be environmentally sensitive. As Glenn Kelly of the industry-based Alliance for Climate Strategies noted, Kyoto was "a cynical agreement, and all parties recognized that the targets were not achievable."

Thus, Clinton/Gore could point to Kyoto to establish its green bona fides, while failing to raise automobile fuel-efficiency standards by more than a token amount. Be it noted that Kyoto could never be met without massive changes in America's automobile fuel efficiency.

The Sierra Club's Becker called Kyoto "a red herring" that distracted Washington from viable measures to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. Becker agreed that Clinton/Gore failed on the mileage issue — which is the biggie — but argued that Clintonia was better on lesser issues.

I remain an agnostic on the question of whether global warming is human induced. Still, I'd like to see Bush get tougher with Detroit because I do believe in clean air and energy independence. I'd like to see him surpass the token Clinton/Gore gestures.

Those of you who believe in global warming, meanwhile, should consider how Kyoto was used to mask a lack of progress. People, you were duped.

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## Is John Edwards really surging?

From the moment Democratic presidential candidates arrived in New Hampshire

from Iowa last Tuesday, an unanswered question has been whether the magic found by Sen. John Edwards in Midwestern prairies could be transported across the country. The process has been slow and uncertain, but the answer still could be "yes."

Sen. John Kerry, the decisive Iowa winner, appears headed for another clear victory Tuesday in New Hampshire. Polling indicates former front-runner Howard Dean's free fall has been arrested, perhaps enough to finish second. Wesley Clark has lost momentum, particularly after a disastrous performance in Thursday night's final debate. Sen. Joe Lieberman may get into double digits. That leaves Edwards, starting the week in single digits and no better than fourth here, but moving up a little.

Pollster Frank Luntz believes Edwards has "perfect pitch" with today's Democrat, bashing George W. Bush and painting a grim picture of life in America while holding out hope. Luntz's focus groups reflect switching from Dean to Edwards. In bygone days when weeks separated voting in Iowa and New Hampshire, Edwards would have had a chance to actually win here. With only a seven-day interim now, and Edwards dividing his time campaigning for the Feb. 3 primary in South Carolina, he still hopes for a second-place finish enabling him to challenge

Kerry's nomination in coming primaries.

Kerry and Edwards disagree on nothing. Indeed, all the leading candidates except Lieberman agree on policy and even what policies they talk about. For prudential reasons, gun control goes unmentioned and abortion is seldom mentioned. The theme is redistribution of wealth in America, and multi-millionaire trial lawyer Edwards propounds it most effectively with his concept of two Americas.

Edwards talks about two school systems, two tax systems, two economies and two governments — historic Democratic populism. At the state party dinner in Nashua Saturday night where candidates were restricted to seven minutes each, Edwards barely mentioned Iraq. His "perfect pitch" is telling Democrats how terrible life in America is but promising "the change we all want. Yes, we will! We can do it!"

Fresh from his Iowa victory, Kerry's events here have been risk-free and symbolic, protecting his suddenly acquired New Hampshire lead. The theme at a Friday rally was support from veterans, a key component in winning Iowa. On Saturday afternoon, the gaunt 60-year-old skated with former Boston Bruin stars in a hockey exhibition and even scored a goal. The only mishap in the carefully scripted performance came at the veterans rally when the irrepressible Sen. Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, brought in as a Kerry backer, referred to Vice President Dick Cheney as "the Republican Party's Jesse Jackson." Hollings was hustled back to Washington.

It was a difficult week for Dean, who never was able to adequately

explain his rant and roar in Des Moines last Monday night. At Saturday night's party dinner, he was still trying lame humor. "I'm so excited to be here," Dean said, "that I could just scream. (Pause, amid restrained audience laughter.) But I won't." New Hampshire is such a good state for the former governor of neighboring Vermont that his slide here has not been as pronounced as his national decline.

Actually, Clark has fallen in New Hampshire much more sharply than Dean, losing half his former strength according to polls. The retired four-star general has been able to ingest and disgorge liberal dogma, displaying skills used in finishing first in his West Point class. He has made himself into an effective stump speaker but commits the amateur orator's mistake of shouting. With his voice nearly gone, he disappointed a big crowd at Derry Friday night by not taking questions. Considering his dreadful performance at the Thursday debate, Clark's managers want to avoid impromptu speech.

A retired couple I talked to at Derry were not impressed by the general. Registered independents, they voted for John McCain in the 2000 Republican primary and Al Gore in November. They told me they were first attracted to Dean, then put off by his erratic behavior, and now lean toward Kerry. But they indicated fascination with John Edwards and wanted to see him again before voting Tuesday. Such voters can determine the Southerner's fate in New Hampshire and shape his future elsewhere.

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# Snap, crackle and pop: Treating sprains, strains and fractures

**I**s it broken? Many of us have asked this question at one time or another after a sports injury or accident. Broken bones require immediate medical attention, but it's often difficult to determine the difference between sprains, strains and fractures. Learning the difference between these injuries will help you understand when to head to the emergency room.

According to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, approximately seven million bones break every year and the severity of the fractures varies. A bone fracture, one of the most common orthopedic injuries, occurs when tremendous force placed on a bone causes it to break. Extreme force can shatter the bone or cause it to protrude from the skin, but sometimes the bone cracks instead of breaking all of the way through. These injuries require immediate medical attention.

Simple fractures are more difficult to detect and can be confused with sprains and strains. A simple fracture is when the bone breaks in one place but does not protrude through the skin. Since additional movement may cause further injury, it is important to control movement where you are experiencing pain. This type of pain or discomfort should not be ignored and merits a visit to your local doctor.

Sprains, a less serious injury but often equally as painful, affect the

ligaments, which connect bones. A sprain occurs when a ligament is stretched or torn, often indicated by a popping sound. Collision or swift changes in direction often cause sprains, which typically occur in the knees or ankles. A sprained ligament can cause rapid swelling in the injured area and make joint movement painful. The affected area will be tender and it might become discolored or bruised. Severe sprains can tear the ligament completely, making it difficult to walk or place pressure on the injured joint. This injury can be easily confused with bone fractures. Contact your local physician if you are experiencing a fever, considerable swelling, or severe sprain.

A fairly common injury is stretched or torn muscle, known as a strain or pulled muscle. When muscles stretch unusually far or abruptly, the muscle has been strained. The most common strains typically occur in the hamstrings. Strains can be identified by stiffness and pain in the affected area that lasts a few days. When the injury is more severe, the strain will cause some swelling and bruising. Seek medical attention if the area becomes immediately swollen or if the pain, swelling and stiffness don't improve within a few days.

Mild sprains and strains can be treated in the same way. Remember the PRICE approach - Protection, Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation.

• Protection. Try not to move the injured area if possible to protect it from further injury. Use a splint, sling or air cast to immobilize the area and use a cane or crutches if it is difficult to get around.

• Rest. Avoid activities that cause pain. Because physical activity is still important, find ways to exercise without using the injured part.

• Ice. Immediately place an ice pack on the injured area, even if seeking medical attention. This will help reduce swelling and pain. Leave the ice pack on the area for 15 to 20 minutes and repeat every two hours while you're awake.

• Compression. Wrap an elastic bandage around the area until swelling stops. Don't wrap the injured area too tightly because it might hinder circulation.

• Elevation. Try to elevate the injured area above your heart because gravity helps reduce swelling. This tactic is especially helpful at night.

Although these are good tips to follow, call your local physician if you have questions about an injury. It's always better to be on the safe side as medical personnel are best suited to identify and treat injuries.

Dr. Robert P. Hayes can be reached at 1501 W. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or by telephone at (432) 714-4800.

## Some tips for exercising success

### The American Heart Association

Swimming, cycling, jogging, skiing, aerobic dancing, walking or any of dozens of other activities can help your heart.

They all cause you to feel warm, perspire and breathe heavily without being out of breath and without feeling any burning sensation in your muscles. Whether it is a structured exercise program or just part of your daily routine, all exercise adds up to a healthier heart. Here are some tips for exercising success:

• If you have been sedentary for a long time, are overweight, have a high risk of coronary heart disease or some other chronic health problem, see your doctor for a medical evaluation before beginning a physical activity program.

• Choose activities that are fun, not exhausting.

• Add variety. Try not to rely too much on one activity, but develop a repertoire of several that you can enjoy. That way, exercise will never seem boring or routine.

• Wear comfortable, properly fitted footwear and comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that is appropriate for the weather and the activity.

• Find a convenient time and place to do activities. Try to make it a habit, but be flexible. If you miss an exercise opportunity, work activity into your day another way.

• Use music to keep you entertained.

• Surround yourself with supportive people. Decide what kind of support you need. Do you want

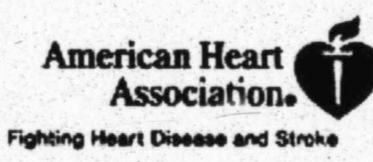
them to remind you to exercise? Ask about your progress? Participate with you regularly or occasionally? Allow you time to exercise by yourself? Go with you to a special event, such as a 10K walk/run? Be understanding when you get up early to exercise? Spend time with the children while you exercise? Try not to ask you to change your exercise routine?

• Share your activity time with others. Make a date with a family member, friend or co-worker. Be an active role model for your children.

• Don't overdo it. Do low- to moderate-level activities, especially at first. You can slowly increase the duration and intensity of your activities as you become more fit. Over time, work up to exercising most days of the week for 30-60 minutes.

• Keep a record of your activities. Reward yourself at special milestones.

Nothing motivates like success!



## Don't let winter weather derail your fitness plans

With frigid winter temperatures breaking records across much of the nation, people are finding every excuse to stay at home. And it's not just leisure activities that are falling by the wayside: those New Year's fitness resolutions seem impossible to conquer when the temperature drops.

"When the weather gets bad, it makes it even harder to stick to your fitness goals," explains Andrew Flach, fitness expert and author of *Walk the Weight Away!* (Healthy Living Books, \$17.95).

"For a lot of people, it's hard enough to start an exercise program even under the best conditions. Add bad weather to the mix, and many people will just throw in the towel."

His suggestion? "Many people who decided to get in shape this year pinned their hopes on walking,

because it's the easiest form of exercise out there - virtually anyone can do it," he says. "Unfortunately, the cold weather isn't letting us walk outside right now, but there is a great indoor alternative in many communities: the mall."

Flach offers these tips for mall walkers:

**Gear up**  
Even though you're walking indoors, you should still invest in a good pair of walking shoes.

The proper shoes mean you'll be comfortable enough to keep moving! To ensure the best fit, go shopping in the afternoon, because feet tend to swell during the day.

**Bring a friend**  
Many people enjoy mall walking all year long, not just when the weather makes walking outside difficult.

One reason is that they

feel safer walking alone in a mall setting than they would in a park or in their neighborhoods. But bringing along a walking buddy or joining a group can give you extra encouragement and support. Some malls even sponsor walking groups - a great way to meet new people!

**Keep focused**  
There are many more distractions when walking in a mall than there might be in your neighborhood. It's all right to do a little window-shopping, but be sure to keep moving: you want to do at least a half an hour of continuous movement (at your own pace, of course).

**Reward yourself**  
Giving yourself a treat

after reaching a workout goal is a great way to stay motivated, and mall walking makes rewards easy to find. But just because you've worked out doesn't mean you can hit any restaurant in the food court. Instead of fries or a huge cinnamon roll, try some tasty - and healthy - frozen yogurt. Or buy yourself a non-edible treat: bath products, a new CD - or even a new outfit to show off your great results!

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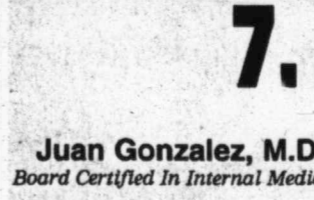


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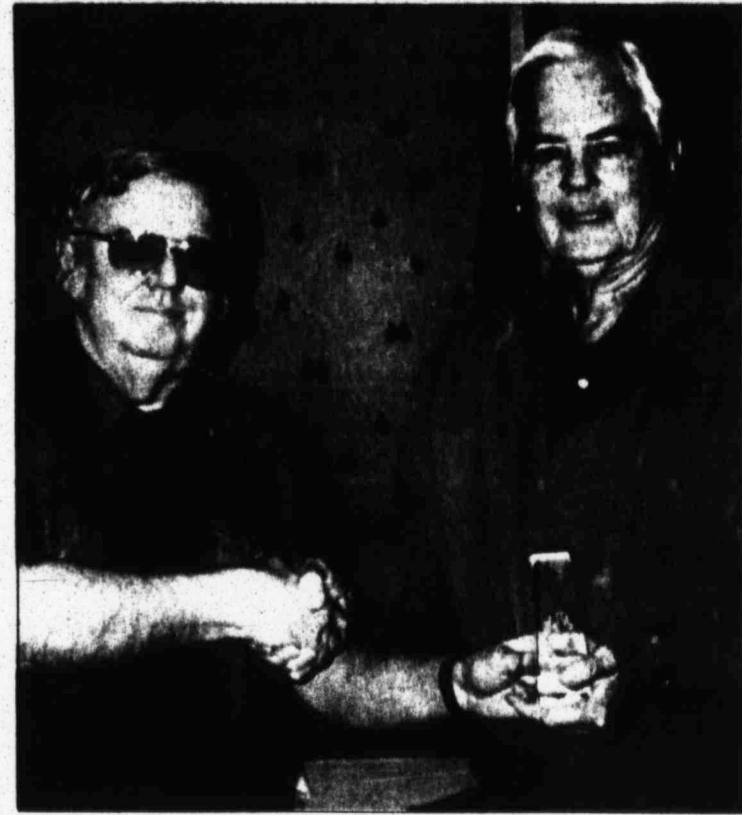
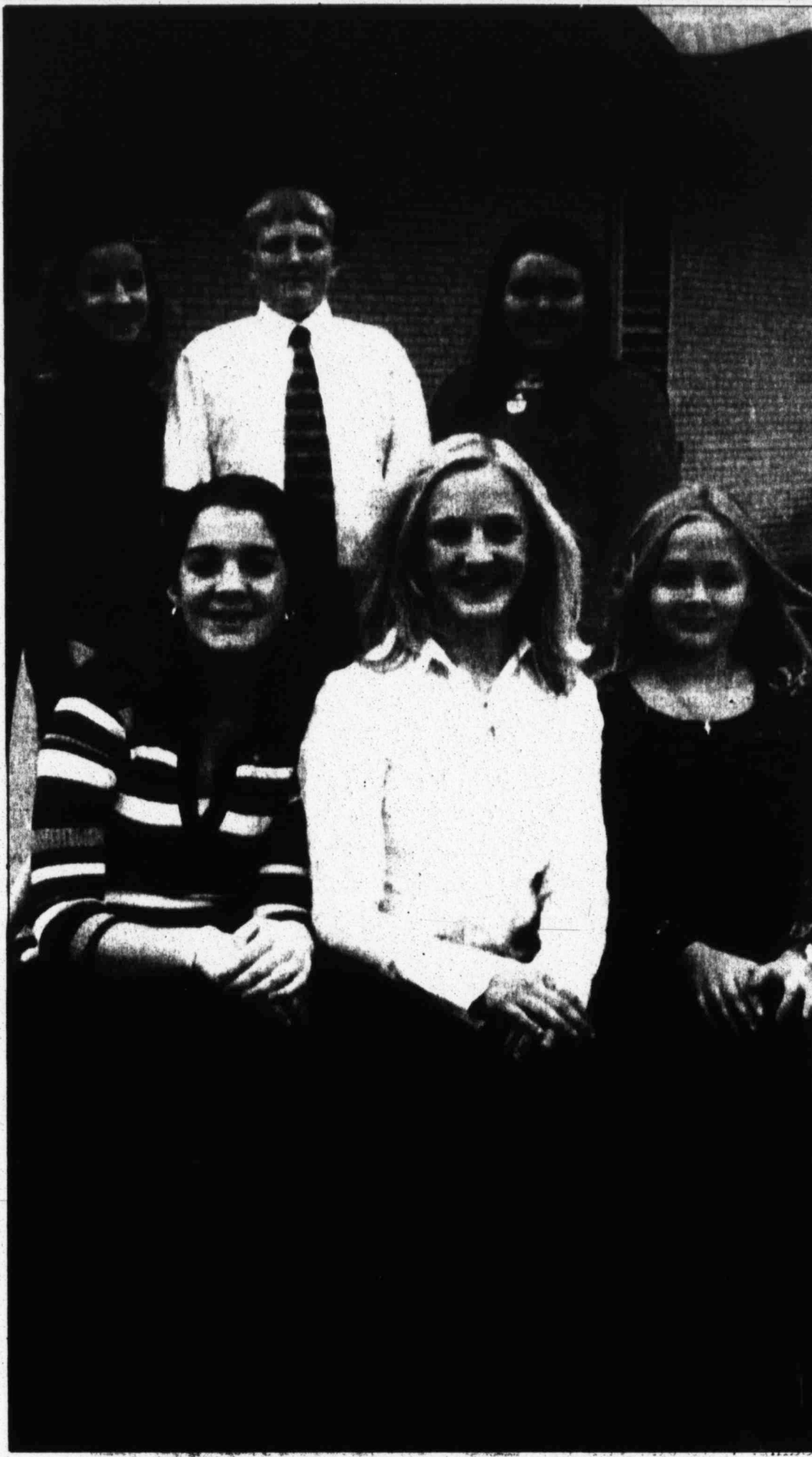
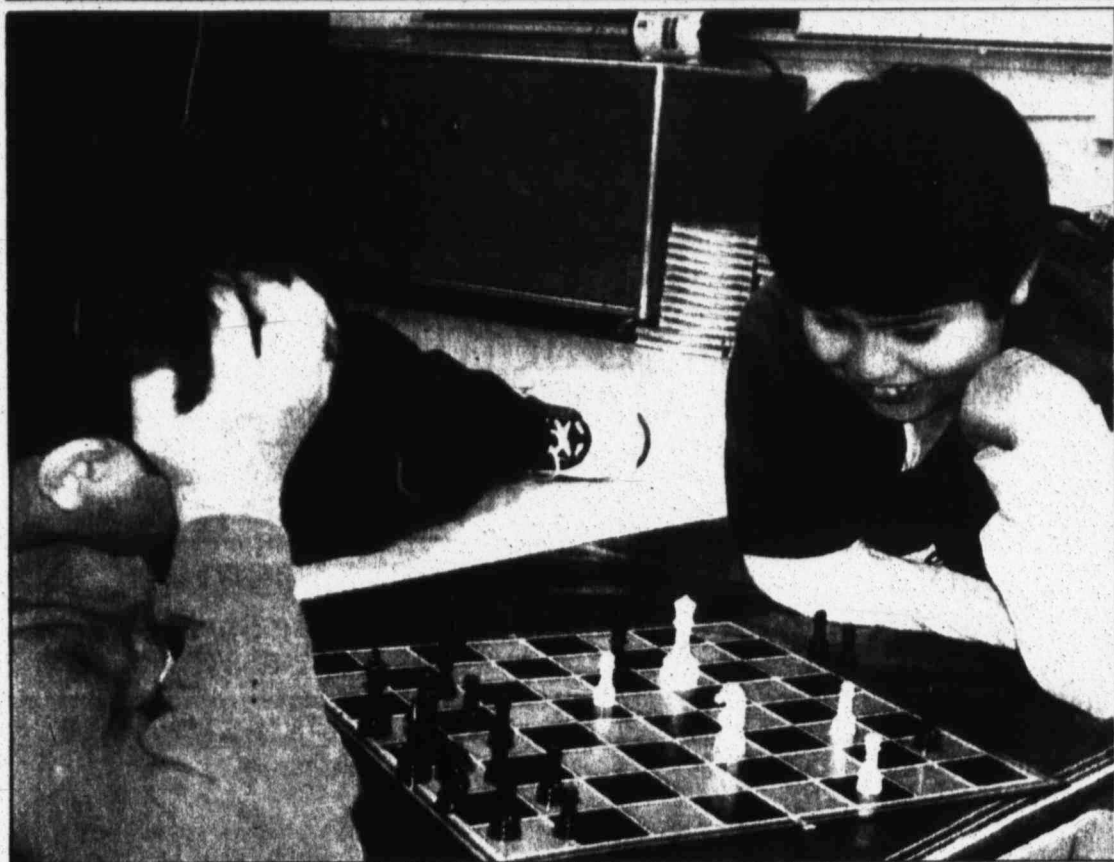


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Clockwise from top right, Six Coahoma Junior High School choir students were selected to the Region II All-Region Choir and performed in the All-Region concert at Abilene Cooper High School in December. Pictured are, from left, front row, Kaysea Spiller, Teryn Bibb and Kyla Clark, and back row, Alex Moore, William Reilly and Amy Holleman.

W.M. Lane Clawson, a member of the Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 presents Big Spring resident Hays Stripling with the Masonic Community Builders Award on Jan. 13. The award is given to an honorary Mason for his outstanding service to the community.

Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney, pours a glass of soda for Goliad Cavalier member Jonathan Womack during a pizza party. Dominoes Pizza sponsored the party to reward the organization that collected the most canned goods for the Salvation Army canned food drive.

Ten-year-old Albert Bustamante, left, battles out a game of chess with 10-year-old Francisco Hernandez Friday during Bauer Magnet Elementary School extended-day program. The activity is new to the program and students don't have to have previous experience with the game to take the class.

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## The "Geneva Accord"

Is it the way to lasting peace in the Middle East or to disaster?

With great hoopla, two private citizens, unconnected with and unauthorized by their respective governments, have taken it upon themselves to produce the draft of a "peace treaty," which would finally bring an end to the century-old struggle between Jews and Arabs. The treaty, the "Geneva Accord," would almost immediately bring about a "Palestinian" state.

### What are the facts?

**Negotiators without standing:** Yossi Beilin, the "negotiator" for the Israeli side, has no official standing at all. He is a former minister of justice, but has been repudiated by the Israeli electorate. His Arab counterpart Yasser Abed Rabbo has no standing either. He is said to have Yasser Arafat's ear, whatever that may be worth.

This is extraordinary. It is as if an American citizen, say, for instance, Al Gore or Pat Buchanan, were to negotiate with an Iraqi confidant of Saddam Hussein about the American-Iraqi relationship.

Apart from the sheer illegitimacy of this process, provisions of this Accord need examination. They are, without exception, damaging to Israel, which, as usual, is asked to make all "concessions." If this Accord were to come to fruition, it would threaten the very survival of Israel as a Jewish state. The Accord cedes the Temple Mount, the Jewish people's holiest of holies, the focus of its two-thousand-year yearning, to the "Palestinians." Jews could be admitted only at the sufferance of the Muslims. Why would any Jew concede the very soul of his people and of his nation? Would the Muslims concede Mecca, would the Catholic Church concede the Vatican?

But there are equally or perhaps even more weighty matters than these "sentimental" considerations. Under this Accord, Israel would agree to almost total withdrawal from Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and Gaza, dramatically increasing the number of "settlers" who would have to be repatriated. Since the Accord considers them to be "illegal occupiers" no compensation would be conceded to them. Under the Accord, the high ground dominating the Tel Aviv region and the central coastal strip would be in "Palestinian" hands. More than seventy per cent of Israel's population lives in that area and most of its industrial and military capacity and its major civilian airport are located there. Only a fool could believe that the Arabs, who have

broken every provision of the vaunted Oslo Accord, would not avail themselves of the opportunity of critically damaging or, if possible, totally destroying the Israeli state.

**Israel naked before its enemies:** Further, the suggested transfer of the Jordan River Valley, Israel's first line of defense against attack from the east, would put it into an untenable military position. Any safety net, any viable security for Israel would disappear. Israel would lie virtually naked and helpless before its mortal enemies if this disastrous Accord were ever implemented.

"The Geneva Accord is a Trojan Horse, meant to destroy the State of Israel. The world and Israel should firmly repudiate it."

The Accord is ambiguous about the so-called "right of return." There is apparently no longer insistence that all "refugees" be allowed to settle in Israel. The "refugees" are the descendants of

those who, at the urging of the Arab armies that invaded the Jewish state at the very day of its founding, fled the fighting. There were about 500,000 of them; they have now miraculously swelled to five million. Nobody talks about returning the millions of German refugees to what is now Poland and Czechoslovakia, and nobody dreams of compensating them. But under the Geneva Accord, all those "refugees" are to be paid "compensation," which could amount to hundreds of billions of dollars. Significantly, no compensation is countenanced for the about 800,000 Jews, who were expelled or who had to flee for their lives from the Arab countries, where in most cases they had lived for over 1,000 years.

Under the Geneva Accord, Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"), which, together with Gaza, would form the "Palestinian" state, is to be free of Jews, made *judenrein*, in line with the Nazi model. But how about the over one million Arabs who live and prosper in Israel? Would it not be fair and reciprocal if they were transferred from "Israel proper" and were moved into the new "Palestinian" state? The Geneva Accord does not address this obvious question, and nobody else does either.

If the Geneva Accord were accepted and implemented, it would be an unmitigated disaster for Israel. It would give its holiest site, the very essence of the Zionist dream, to its Arab enemies. It would accept perhaps hundreds of thousands of so-called "refugees," which would thus finish Israel as a Jewish state. It would make Israel militarily indefensible. The Geneva Accord is a Trojan Horse, meant to destroy the State of Israel. The world and Israel should firmly repudiate it.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

## IN BRIEF

### Lady Steers, Steers set to play Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers and Steers will return to action Tuesday.

The Lady Steers, 5-18 and 0-5, will continue District 4-4A play by hosting the San Angelo Lake View Maidens. The girls will begin play at 6 p.m.

The BSHS boys, coming off a strong performance against Andrews, will face Andrews at 8 p.m.

The Steers enter the game at 4-19 and 0-3.

### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information, call Doline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

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Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible.

For more information call (704) 373-0873.

### Hawks to hold 'Pack the Coliseum' night

Howard College will be holding a "Pack the Coliseum" night today when the Lady Hawks and Hawks host Odessa College. Any fans attending the game wearing red will be admitted free.

Also on tap to perform are the Sweetwater Intermediate School Jump Rope Team. The group will perform its routines during halftime of both games. The Trinity Baptist Church trio of Steve Moses, Tim and Debbie Dunn will sing the national anthem. Games will begin at 6 p.m.

### BSJHS girls to face Lady Mustangs today

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers will continue their season today by hosting the Andrews Junior High School Lady Mustangs.

The two teams are scheduled to begin play at 5 p.m. in the BSJHS gym.

### Youth hoops tourney set for March 13-14

The Best of the Best Basketball organization will be hosting a youth basketball tournament for boys and girls ages nine through 19 in Beaumont on March 13-14.

For more information call, 1 (866) 831-2002 or visit the organization's website at www.bestofthebestbasketball.com

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## Hawks to keep hold of second-place in WJCAC

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks will try and keep a share of second-place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference today when they face rival Odessa College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

A win over Odessa College would send Howard College into the final two games of the first half of conference play in second place and in good shape to make a return trip to the Region V Basketball Tournament. The top teams in the WJCAC and the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference advance to the Region V tournament in

March.

Howard College heads into the showdown with the Wranglers with a full head of steam. The Hawks have reeled off three straight wins — including back-to-back gut-check wins against New Mexico Junior College and New Mexico Military — since dropping their WJCAC opener to Frank Phillips. Overall, the Hawks are 12-4.

The Wranglers, on the other hand, have struggled considerably. Odessa, after beginning the year at 9-6, has lost two of its three conference games.

Odessa's first win came Thursday in an 88-81 decision over Clarendon. In that game, the Wranglers escaped despite

### Hawks at a glance

Who: Howard College vs. Odessa College  
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Records: HC 12-4 and 2-1; OC 9-6 and 1-2.

committing 30 turnovers.

Freshman guard Josh Vasquez and sophomore Ahnel Butler led the OC offense. Both scored 18 points against Clarendon.

Defensively, the Hawks will be facing a big squad that is capable of manhandling most teams. Vasquez and post Michael Shepherd combined for 30 of the Wranglers' 54 rebounds against

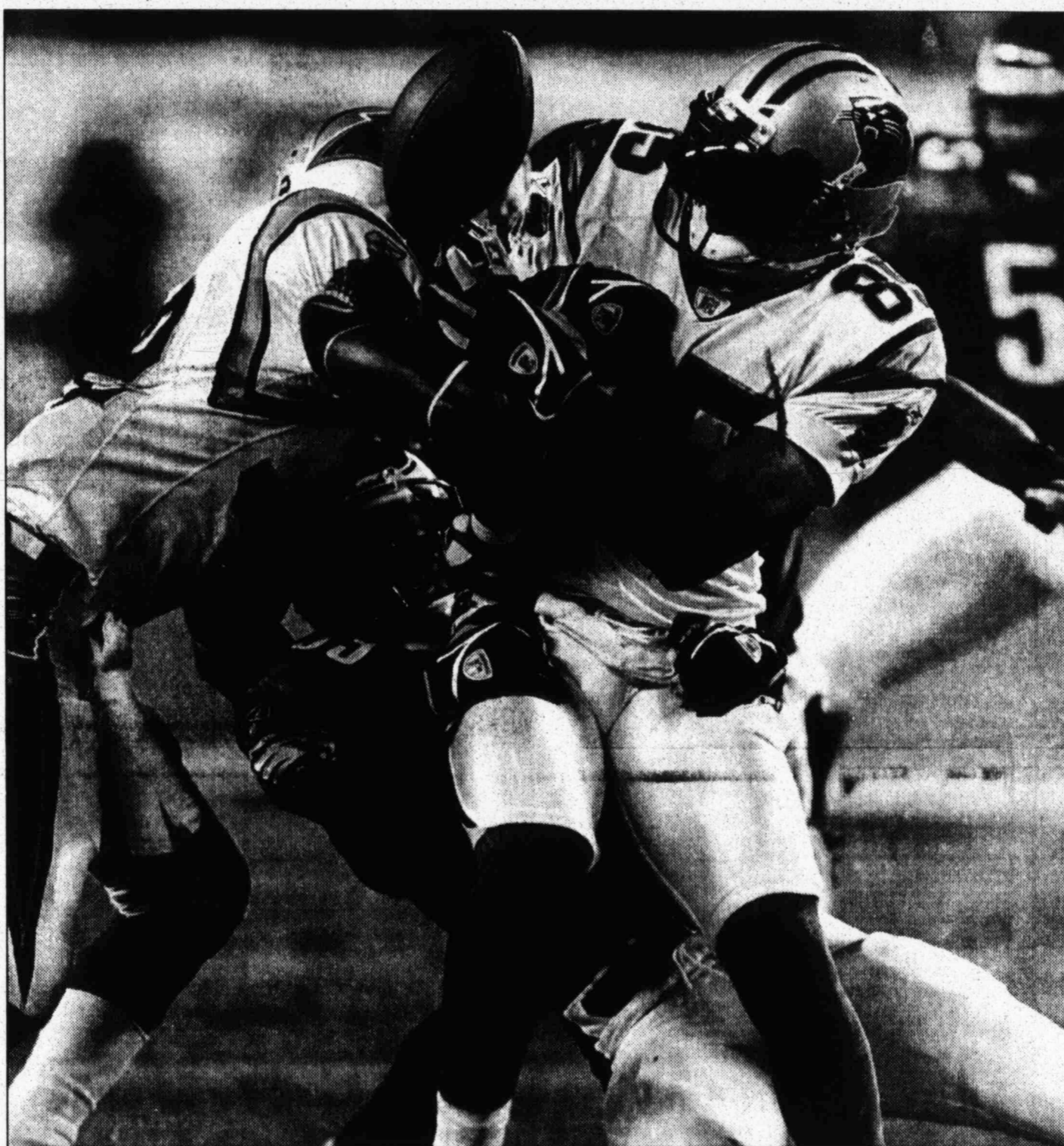
Clarendon. Permian High School graduate Marquis Pierce had nine points and eight rebounds. Sophomores Steve Goff, Finlay Brashears and Jon Sykes lead Howard's attack.

Odessa's two conference losses were close affairs. They suffered a 78-73 setback to Frank Phillips on Jan. 19 and a 65-62 loss to Midland on Jan. 15.

Goff is averaging more than 16 points a game this fall. Sykes is among the conference leaders in rebounds and blocked shots.

Freshman Joe Powell has averaged 12.5 points for the Hawks over the last two games.

The Howard College men are scheduled to begin play at 8 p.m.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JERRY LODRIGUSS/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER  
The football pops loose between Panthers Kevin Dyson, right, and Rod Smarts left, as Dyson is tackled by the Eagles' Greg Lewis in the first quarter of the NFC championship game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. Smart earned his nickname "He Hate Me" while playing in the now-defunct XFL.

## 'He Hate Me' may cash in on his name at Super Bowl

By JOHN MULLIN

Chicago Tribune

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (KRT) — Rod Smart is a backup Carolina Panthers running back/kick returner who was undrafted out of Western Kentucky in 2000. The San Diego Chargers cut him after three weeks in camp, and then he suffered the ignominy of being waived out of the Canadian Football League.

He played briefly with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2001, but they waived him after camp in 2002.

So what's he doing at the Super Bowl?

The Carolina Panthers rescued him.

But he has yet to start an NFL game. He ran with the ball fewer than two dozen times in 2003 and has only one carry in the playoffs.

So how is it that Rod Smart is considering his own throwback jersey? And how is it that whenever Rod Smart jerseys shows up in shops, they sell out quickly?

Because Rod Smart is not "Rod Smart" to many football fans. He is known as He Hate Me, the name Smart played with in 2001 as a member of the Las Vegas Outlaws in the XFL. You probably remember the mercifully short-lived faux football league

wrestling promoter Vince McMahon started. Because of it, He Hate Me even has a Web site.

Smart, who adds "He Hate Me" when he signs autographs, now is looking at having some "He Hate Me" apparel ready for the Super Bowl. He has copyrighted the name but hasn't cashed in on it. "I'll probably have some stuff done, T-shirts, something like that, and have some fun with it," Smart said. "People love 'He Hate Me,' so why not give them what they want?"

The whole thing started at Western Kentucky where Smart's exasperated reaction to a coach yelling at him was, "He hate me." The coaches clearly didn't — Smart rushed for 2,305 yards, scored 21 touchdowns and returned kicks, winding up an All-Ohio Valley first-team selection his senior year — but the reaction stuck.

Smart wanted to do something different in the publicity hungry XFL and considered putting the name of his daughter Tyria on the

back of his uniform. He went with He Hate Me, and the result is that he will be remembered long after the XFL has been relegated solely to a punch line.

"They came to us before the first game and said we had the option of putting whatever we wanted on the back of our jerseys," Smart said. "We just looked at each other and couldn't believe it. I really liked that you could express yourself."

Now, "You can't get one of those jerseys anywhere," said safety Deon Grant. "Every time they put them in the stores, they sell out right away."

"I hear that," Smart said, "but I never see anything from it."

It is not the kind of shtick that has created envy or contempt. The Panthers don't have a bunch of ego problems.

"As long as Rod's dealing with it the right way, it's fine," running back DeShaun Foster said. "We're not worried about somebody getting attention."

Teammates also recognize an opportunity when they see one.

"We're working a twin thing: 'He Hate Me' and 'He Love Me,'" safety and close friend Jarrod Cooper said, laughing. "I hope it makes money, though, because he owes me money."

## Howard women face 4-0 Odessa

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks know two things as they head into today's showdown with Odessa College: It's do-or-die time.

And getting back into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race won't be easy.

The Lady Hawks, fresh off a week break, will try and snap a five-game slide this evening when they host WJCAC-leading Odessa at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game could be a crucial one for the HC women, who enter the game at 1-3 in league play.

A win would move Howard to within two games of the conference lead. A loss, however, could leave the Lady Hawks three games back with just six league games left.

Howard is led into the game by sophomores Desire Bostice and Kristen Valentine. Both have averaged double digits in conference play.

Odessa, 17-3 and 4-0, is led by sophomore Kanani Marshal, who tallied 20 in the Lady Wranglers' 80-59 win over Clarendon.

**Bulldogs remain unbeaten in 3-2A**

Kelby Kemper scored 19 points and Sam Tindol added nine more Friday to lead the Coahoma Bulldogs to a 49-46 win over the Crane Golden Cranes.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 3-0 in District 3-2A action.

### Howard offers fans 'free' deal

The Howard College teams are hoping to make Odessa see a sea of red tonight when they two face off, beginning at 6 p.m. when the HC women begin play.

"We want to get as many people out as possible to support the Hawks and Lady Hawks," said Dorothy Garrett Coliseum director Stan Feaster.

All fans who attend the men's and women's games wearing red will be admitted free of charge.

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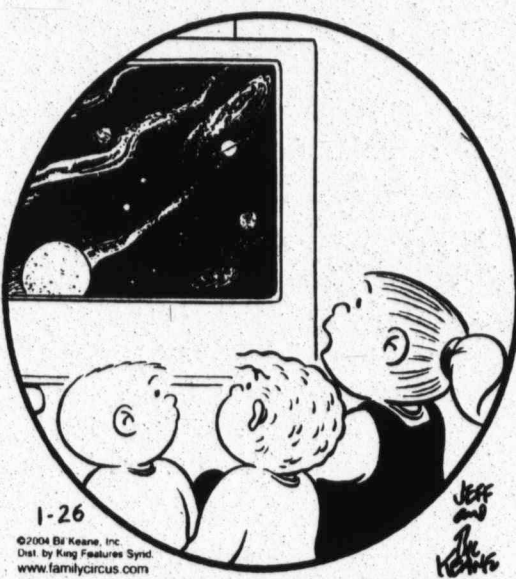
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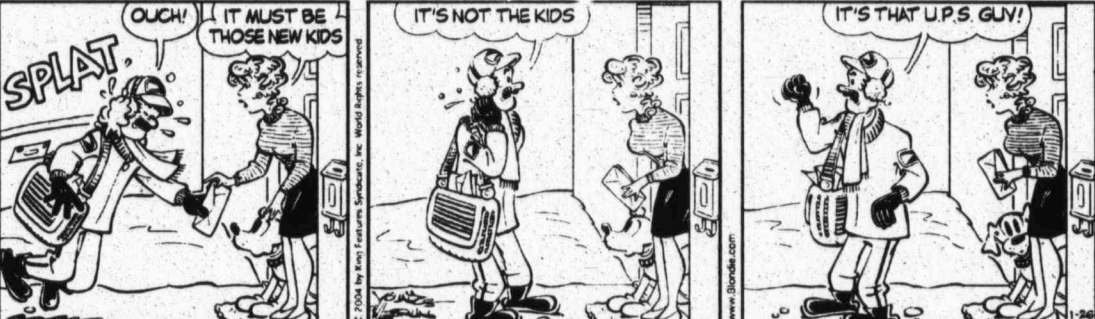


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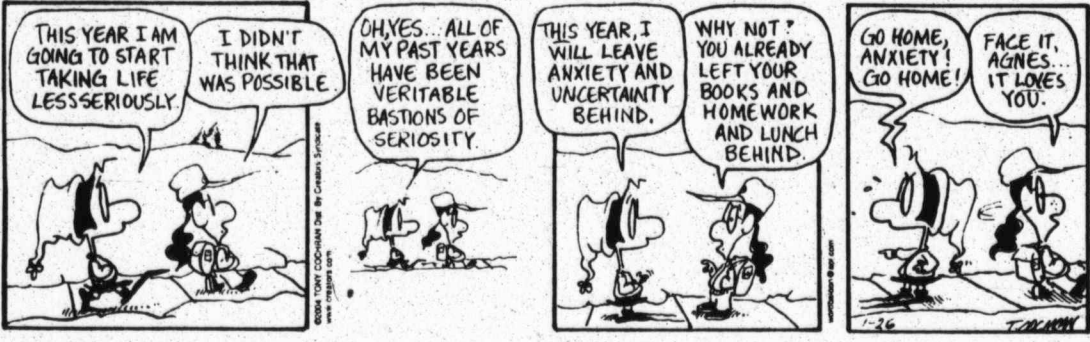
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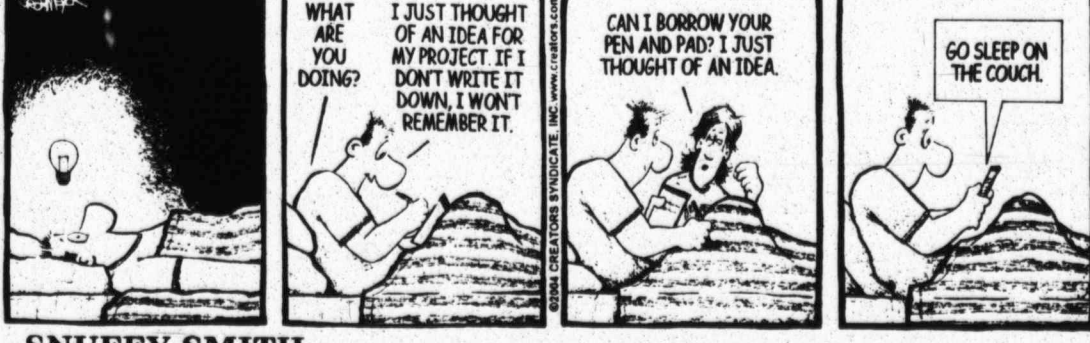
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2004. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

On this date:

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America, and expressed his preference: the turkey.

In 1802, Congress passed an act calling for a library to be established within the U.S. Capitol.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined

the Union.

In 1911, the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" premiered in Dresden, Germany.

In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger III to land scientific instruments on the moon - but the probe missed its target by some 22,000 miles.

In 1979, 25 years ago, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

Ten years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin accepted the resignation of Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov, who warned of economic collapse and social unrest. A scare occurred during a visit to Sydney, Australia, by Britain's Prince Charles as a young man lunged at the prince, firing two blank

shots from a starter's pistol.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Anne Jeffreys is 81. Actor Paul Newman is 79. Actress Joan Leslie is 79. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 75. Sportscastrator Bob Uecker is 69. Actor Scott Glenn is 62. Singer Jean Knight is 61. Activist Angela Davis is 60. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 56. Actor David Strathairn is 55. Singer Lucinda Williams is 51. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 49. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 46. Actress-comedian Ellen DeGeneres is 46. Hockey star Wayne Gretzky is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BUZZ by Lee Weaver  
Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 1 Bird of Egypt
  - 5 Comedienne
  - 9 Lobster
  - 12 Boxing-ring boundaries
  - 14 President after Washington
  - 16 Author
  - 17 Camper's canopy
  - 19 Until now
  - 20 In the neighborhood
  - 21 Trustworthy
  - 23 She: Fr.
  - 25 Foolish
  - 26 Working together
  - 28 "On the double!"
  - 31 "How was \_\_\_ know?"
  - 32 Stumbles
  - 35 Con-game decoy
  - 36 Mexican sandwich
  - 38 Sylvester, to Tweety
  - 39 Water, in Baja
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  - 6 Fragrance
  - 7 Walking sticks
  - 8 Flyer Earhart
  - 9 Not at all trustworthy
  - 10 Film holder
  - 11 Poker stake
  - 13 Like a bright day
  - 15 Clown's apparatus
  - 18 Lazybones
  - 22 Hawaiian "Hi!"
  - 24 Changes, as a text
  - 26 Video-game name
  - 27 Shade source
  - 29 Detective's discoveries
  - 30 Spirited self-assurance
  - 31 Gossip tidbit
  - 33 Serving of butter
  - 34 Wander off
  - 37 Musical melodrama
  - 41 Actualities
  - 43 Capable
  - 44 Make shoes shine
  - 47 Like satin
  - 49 Carpenters' tools
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  - 59 Load cargo
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